

Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Seven Hills Classical Academy

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sue Pearce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following board members were present: Julie Ball; Sara Eschle; Erin Hall; Mary Ann Nelson; Mike Olmstead; Susan Pearce; Johana Sand; Mike Stanchfield; Steve Wendorf; Executive Director Margaret O'Brien, ExOfficio
The following board members were absent: Don Swetala

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chris Bewell, Liz Ekholm, Leisa Irwin, Maggie Rowan

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Agenda was unanimously approved.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT, Leisa Irwin, Business Manager

Proposed Budget changes presented

Change in budget language program p. 2 – Program was cut back and then a new teacher added

Other Fiscal Expenses p. 3 – Food and Nutrition Audit found additional small expense

Summary p. 5

Projected Fund Balance reserve \$119,127 – approximately 5% of total expenses \$2,385,813. Fund Balance will achieve 25% by year 2012

Finance Committee thinks this is a great budget – they are comfortable with it.

Received revised handout.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution to approve policies: MOTION: Be it resolved that the proposed policies 420, 502, 514, 515, 516, 521, 522, 524, 526, 531, 532, 709 and 806 be adopted and shall take effect on March 5, 2008. **Moved by S. Wendorf, seconded by M. Nelson – unanimously passed.**

B. Approval of revised budget: MOTION: Be it resolved that the Board approved the revised budget as presented today, March 4, 2008. **Moved by S. Wendorf, seconded by J. Sand – unanimously passed.**

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report, Margaret O'Brien

See report handout.

Academics/Curriculum – shared what grade levels are currently studying

School Goals

- Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Professional Development
 - Q Comp evaluation visit scheduled for April 9th
 - Sara Eschle talked about progress with Peer Reviews and PDP plans

- Enrichment/Remedial
Hamline students are volunteering 3 hours per week until May – assisting in classrooms
- Webpage updates
- Facility
Facility Manager from CVC was let go.
Need Board assistance in long term plans for building expansion
Sue Pearce talked with Don Swetala about making a standing Facilities Committee
- Discussion of NWEA testing results and breakdown of scores and data
- Differentiated Instruction
There are a vast level of needs in each classroom
Meeting the needs of all students in the classroom in a meaningful and effective way is the challenge.
- 14% of our school population have Special Education needs – they are all represented in the testing scores
- School Calendar draft for 2008-2009 presented
- Teachers are putting together a school climate committee
- Beacon Prep
Parent Informational Meeting was held 2/26/08
Beacon Prep currently has 47 applications – 38 are Beacon Academy 5th graders
There are 20 Enrollment Interest forms from current SHCA 5th graders and 3 applications from students in the Bloomington community.
- Discussed the opinion letter on action items from 2/11/08
- Suggestions for Beacon Prep – Julie Ball, Megan Butler and Steve Wendorf are the transition committee members
- Discussion about the Director being employed by two boards with two bosses
Should there be two contracts or one contract between the two schools on a job share basis
Discussion about how this will look – talk with Mick Waldspurgen, SHCA lawyer, about the best way for this to work.

Board Chair Report, Sue Pearce

Executive Committee: Sue Pearce, Chair; Don Swetala, Vice Chair; Mike Stanchfield, Treasurer; and Mike Olmstead, Secretary will work on Director evaluation

Sue will send the last quarter newsletter to the school office for website posting.

MACS Day at the Capitol information was sent to Board members

Mick Waldspurgen will be invited to our next Board meeting. Think about the questions you have for him and give to Sue Pearce before the next meeting. Some of the legal fees regarding Beacon Prep questions can be charged to Beacon Prep.

Reserve April 10th for the Town Hall Meeting. A question box will be placed in the office.

A Board e-mail address will be created.

Finance Committee, Mike Stanchfield

Begin work on the 2008-2009 Budget next month

Governance Committee, Mary Ann Nelson

400 level policies will be ready for a first reading at the April meeting.

Board Development – next meeting will have a page of information to set the framework

Election & Nominating Committee, Liz Ekholm

Two applications for Board nomination have been received

Open for nominations until March 7, 2008

Discussion regarding background checks for Board members

Transition Committee, Steve Wendorf & Julie Ball

The break even point is 14 students for a classroom

Beacon Prep Board hopes for 2 sections of 6th grade next year

Transportation Committee, Mike Olmstead

Looked at a map of current student addresses. This made it easy to determine boundaries

Suggested busing boundaries are Cedar on the east, Hwy. 62 on the north, France Ave. on the west.

Recommend 7 buses with routes being 35 minutes or less.

Administration is working on bids from bus companies.

Curriculum Committee, Julie Ball

Working on Policy 104, curriculum policies and library policies

OTHER BUSINESS:**Parent Connection, Liz Ekholm**

The Cookie Dough sale grossed approximately \$20,000 with a net profit of approximately \$8,000

Herbergers coupon sale approximately \$1000

Carnival is the next big event

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:58 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Governance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Chris Bewell, Administrative Assistant

Approved April 8, 2008